

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1071

By Lynn

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the 2017 Wilson County Fair upon being named the 2017 State Champion Fair in the Triple A division by the Tennessee Association of Fairs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those events that promote local business, entertain and educate our citizens, and celebrate the history and culture of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Wilson County Fair is one such estimable event, which recently received the prestigious honor of being named the State Champion Fair in the Triple A division by the Tennessee Association of Fairs; and

WHEREAS, since its inception more than thirty years ago, the Wilson County Fair Board has held as its primary goal the creation and cultivation of a county fair that entertains and educates the young and old while offering a host of exhibitions and performances that draw from the whole spectrum of life in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Wilson County Fair took place August 18-26, 2017, and its theme was the "Year of the Sunflower," in which all of its exhibits and activities were to showcase the best of Wilson County and to remind the attendees of who is responsible for supplying food and clothing in the stores that we provide our families every day; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Fair now utilizes the new 78,000-square-foot Wilson County Expo Center at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center, which was a twenty-year dream of former longtime Wilson Fair president the late Hale Moss and the many volunteers working the fair; and

WHEREAS, with the Wilson County Expo Center, a crowd of 488,299 people enjoyed nine days of activities, featuring 150 events with more than 14,000 exhibits, which included fair

pageants, a God and Country Celebration, quilting, canning, baking, fine arts, photography, stained glass, school exhibits, fruits and vegetables, live music, competitive exhibits, Hometown USA, and, of course, carnival rides; and

WHEREAS, guests also enjoyed a collection of more than fifty buildings exhibiting Tennessee history and lore called Fiddlers Grove, including the new addition of the Moss Feed Store, which was constructed in 2017 by the Moss Family and the Fair Board in memory of Mr. Moss; and

WHEREAS, this unparalleled circus of delight is currently guided by President Randall Clemons, who was recently appointed to the position following the death of Hale Moss; Mr. Clemons previously served the Wilson Fair as treasurer for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Fair greatly benefited from the stalwart leadership and vision of the Wilson County Fair Board officers, including Vice President Jimmy Comer, Fair Manager Helen McPeak, Treasurer Lynette Taylor, and Secretary Karen Johnson, with additional support from Joe Holbrook, Donnie Steed, Terry McPeak, Lyndon LaFevers, Johnny Webb, and David Hale; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Board officers were most thankful for the tireless hard work and motivation of the additional 300 board and executive committee members as well as the 1,000 volunteers who donated more than 77,000 hours of their time to help make the Wilson County Fair the grand occasion the citizens of Wilson County and Tennessee have come to expect; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2017 Wilson County Fair and its well-earned recognition bring great pride to the people of Wilson County, who every year unite with tireless dedication to celebrate and promote local business, agriculture, and history with this time-honored event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the staff and volunteers of the 2017 Wilson County Fair upon being named the 2017 State Champion Fair in the Triple A division by the Tennessee

Association of Fairs, thank them for their tremendous service to the people of Wilson County, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.